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CHAIN GANG BILL ORDERED RATIFIED

No Alternative If Convicted
of Selling Whiskey

LIABILITY BILL IS CLARIFIED

Hopeful that Adjournment may be had Saturday. Appropriation Bill will carry in the aggregate \$2,500,000. It seeming impossible to trim closer.

Columbia, February 12.—The chain gang bill, fathered by Mr. Liles, has been ordered ratified. In the Senate the provision, including the storing and transporting of liquor as a chain gang offence was stricken out. The House today adopted the Senate amendment, and the Liles bill, therefore, provides that anyone convicted of selling liquor must be sentenced to the chain gang. The punishment for the storing and transporting of liquor, under the prohibition law remains as heretofore and is not covered by the Liles bill.

The House today devoted itself entirely to the consideration of third reading bills, and under this heading disposed of a number of important measures, among them being the Padgett-Carter liability bill.

On yesterday there was general agreement that punitive damages would not be included in the matter of damages against railroads to their employees. Mr. Boyd, as chairman of the judiciary committee, offered an amendment to insert the word "actual" before damages. This was voted down and the clause which provided for exemplary damages was stricken out. It was on this that the fight revolved today, and Mr. Searson cleared the situation by having an amendment adopted which reads: "Punitive damages shall not be recoverable in cases arising under this Act." The argument on this question was largely between Messrs Graydon, Boyd, Searson, Carter, LaGrone and Barr.

Messrs LaGrone and Barr wanted the bill recommitted, because they did not think it perfectly clear. Mr. Boyd made an excellent argument to show that the word "damage" without any further explanation as was intended by modifying it, with the word "actual" was liable to various constructions. He read from the decisions of the State Supreme Court to show that the word "damages" had been variously construed in various suits, and that if the purposes of the bill are not to include punitive damages it should say so.

Mr. Searson thought that in fairness to all that the bill should be made perfectly clear and secured the passage of the amendment.

Messrs Graydon and Carter, who have championed the bill through the House, thought that the motion to recommit was simply an effort to kill their bill. They were quite willing to have the Searson amendment adopted, but did not want the bill recommitted. The motion to recommit was withdrawn, and by unanimous consent the Searson amendment specifically preventing punitive damages was incorporated in the bill, and in this shape it was finally passed by the House.

Under a bill proposed by Mr. Cherry, Commissioner of Agriculture Watson is authorized to enter into arrangements whereby ground limestone may be bought in bulk and sold to the people of the state.

The House extended an invitation to Messrs James D. Evans, of Florence, and A. J. Smith, of Anderson, to present arguments in favor of rural credits on Tuesday afternoon next. Both of these gentlemen have made studies of the matter of rural credits.

The Spartanburg delegation was somewhat divided on the matter of a county-wide special tax for school purposes. Two of the delegation, Messrs Hicks and Rogers, opposed the bill, but the majority of the delegation secured the passage of the bill providing for a county-wide levy of four mills, which is to be distributed in the county as a whole.

The Greenwood delegation also had a little difference in the matter of the salary for the clerk of court. Mr. Bowles, of that delegation, opposed any increase of the salary for that official.

There was some slight symptom to

TWO ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Two Candidates Throw their Hats into the Ring, One for Sheriff and One for Treasurer.

The political ball has commenced to roll. Two candidates make their announcement for office in this issue of The Advertiser, Geo. C. Hopkins, for Sheriff, and F. F. McSwain for treasurer. The announcement of Mr. Hopkins marks his formal entrance into the race, though he had already let it be known before that he intended entering the race. The announcement of Mr. McSwain came as a surprise in some quarters, as he had not let it be generally known that he was considering the race. However, his announcement will cause no little speculation, as his early entry indicates that he is going into the race determined to make it interesting. Mr. McSwain, though a resident now of Clinton, is a member of the McSwain family of Cross Hill and is widely connected. At present he is connected with the Clinton Oil & Manufacturing Company as bookkeeper. The present incumbent, Ross D. Young, has indicated his intention to run again. Another candidate for the same position is Mr. Jud Langston, of Madsen.

Mr. Hopkins is as yet the only candidate who has announced, though it is expected that the race for sheriff will be the most hotly contested of any in the county. Among those mentioned as possible candidates are the recent appointee, John D. W. Watts, S. C. Reid, A. R. Sullivan, D. W. Mason, of Clinton, J. T. Peden of Gray Court, and possibly others.

day of the biennial matter? Mr. Wolfe, of Anderson, reminded the members of their pledge in favor of biennial sessions and hoped that something could be done. He thought that there had been a committee appointed to frame the necessary bills, but there seemed to be no one who knew anything about such a committee.

A unanimously favorable report was made of Mr. Fromberg's resolution, which provides for a change in the liquor laws, and submitting the question to the voters of the state.

A bill was introduced today providing for a new registration of voters for Beaufort.

The House will meet at noon on Monday and declined to meet tonight.

The programme of the steering committee intended for to-day holds for Monday.

There was a bare quorum present today.

The general State supply bill will be given its second House reading on Monday.

Most of the members are now ready for final adjournment and are hopeful that no complications will arise to prevent adjournment next Saturday.

The conciliation bill passed the House without an objection; the workmen's compensation proposition is going to have trouble; fire insurance matters have come in for much discussion this session.

The general appropriation bill will carry in the aggregate close to \$2,500,000. It is almost impossible to trim closer.

No objection has been made to the old dispensary counties shipping and selling outside the State the unsold stock on hand.

Filibustering is apparently a lost art on the House side.

The House Calendar today ran over sixty pages.

The House has passed to third reading a bill providing for bridges over the Santee River. In connection with this bill, which passed the House, Mr. Morrison, who is directly behind the undertaking, has this statement to make: "We failed to pass the highway board bill, but that is no reason why we should stop work along this line. This bill meant much to our state, it meant the laying out of the highways in their proper place. It meant the bringing new ideas of road building in our state. It meant the locating and bridging the great rivers flowing through our State; the spending of a little money here and a little there, and nothing accomplished."

Woodrow Wilson School.

The Woodrow Wilson School Improvement association invites the public to be present at a supper given at the school room on the evening of February 18th. A small fee of twenty-five and thirty-five cents will be charged.

MAJORITY LEADER KITCHIN HOLDS ON

Will Not be Supplanted Because He Opposes Preparedness and Some Other Plans.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Speaker Clark issued a statement tonight characterizing as nonsense talk of ousting Representative Kitchen from the House majority leadership because of his opposition to the preparedness program and other administration plans. He said he expected to leave the speaker's chair whenever he felt it necessary to oppose or support any measure, but would do so without any intent to supplant Representative Kitchen or any other committee chairman or leaders.

"It's a pity," said the speaker, "that all Democrats do not agree about all things, but Mr. Kitchen has as much right to his opinion as the president has to his or I have to mine."

"No man can bull a proposition through the house by main strength. The entire philosophy of success in that able and tumultuous assembly is to take things by the smooth handle, to rub the hair the right way of the hide and to confer freely with members, persuading rather than attempting to drive, yielding in non-essentials, firm as a rock on fundamentals. There are 435 members, and every one of them has a perfect right to his opinion and to express it whenever and wherever it seems to him meet and proper."

"If the busybodies who are trying to stir up strife by magnifying small differences of opinion among Democrats would help eliminate these differences they would constitute themselves patriots instead of marplots."

MRS. CARRIE LOU FOSTER DIED IN FLORENCE

Daughter of Mrs. W. T. Dorroh, of this City, Succumbs to Pneumonia.

Mrs. Carrie Lou Foster, wife of Dr. C. A. Foster, of Timmonsville, died at an infirmary in Florence Thursday morning where she had been carried for treatment a week before. The news of her death was received with much regret here, where she was well known and where her mother, Mrs. W. T. Dorroh, and other relatives reside. She had been sick for several weeks, but pneumonia was the immediate cause of her demise. Two sisters, Mrs. S. M. Wright, of Woodruff, and Miss Minnie Dorroh, of this city, were at her bedside when death overtook her. Her brother, Mr. S. R. Dorroh, two sisters, Mrs. L. G. Roff and Miss Willie Dorroh and a cousin, Miss Elizabeth Switzer, attended the funeral services from this section.

In addition to her husband and two small children, she is survived by her mother and the following brother and sisters, Mr. S. R. Dorroh, Mrs. S. M. Wright of Woodruff, Mrs. T. M. Liver, of Anderson; Mrs. L. G. Roff, Laurens; and Misses Minnie, Sarah, Roberta and Willie, of this city.

Mrs. Foster was a woman of exemplary character and greatly loved wherever known. She was for several years a teacher in the schools of this county and is affectionately remembered by many of her former pupils.

Had Hand Cut Off.

Furman Burton, a young boy from the country who has been attending school in the city this year, had one of his hands so badly lacerated by machinery in the shop of J. D. Sexton & Son yesterday that it was found necessary to amputate it. In fact, the flesh of the hand was but a shapeless mass when it was freed from the machinery and only the prompt action of eye-witnesses saved him from being probably fatally mangled. He was hurriedly placed in a buggy by Mr. Chaney and rushed for medical assistance, a tight hold being kept on his wrist all the time to prevent loss of blood. The young fellow held up bravely under the severe strain and was greatly admired for his conduct under the circumstances.

John Woody Captured.

John Woody, one of the negroes who escaped from the jail several weeks ago after making an assault upon "Uncle Jack" Glynn, was captured last week near Whitmire and lodged in the county jail. Talking about the matter yesterday, "Uncle Jack" who has almost recovered, said he did not think that John would attempt to get away again soon. The capture was made by Chain Gang Guard Terry, who reported the matter to Sheriff Watts.

MANY APPLICATIONS FOR COUNTY DEMONSTRATOR

Mr. W. W. Long Says that He Will Appoint the Most Efficient and Best Qualified Man He Can Find.

Mr. W. W. Long, director of the extension department of Clemson college, has now under consideration the appointment of a farm demonstrator for this county to succeed John D. W. Watts, resigned, who was recently appointed sheriff. It is understood that Mr. Long has had quite a large number of applicants for the place, but of course he has not published their names nor announced who will receive the appointment. Judging from the letter which he has written to one of his friends here, he expects to appoint someone who has had agricultural college course and who will give his entire time to the work. The following are some excerpts from a letter in regard to the appointment:

"I am giving this matter a great deal of thought because I want to get the most efficient and competent one that I can find. I have no interest in the world in any man except to appoint the very best man that I can get for that county."

"Now you know, the demonstration work has developed rapidly. A man has got to know something more than just how to cultivate cotton and corn to make a good, efficient and successful agent, and while I have no idea of appointing boys just from the classroom of an agricultural college, yet at the same time if we can find a man who has graduated at an agricultural college and who has had practical experience, you must admit, and so will I, that he will make the most efficient agent, taking into consideration his ability to mix with people and to gain their confidence. Now this is the kind of man I am trying to find for Laurens county."

"I have in mind two men, South Carolinians, who I am considering for the position in your county. The appointment will be announced within the next few days."

"I have written you very frankly because I know that you realize that even though I may make a mistake I am doing what I believe to be for the best interest of the people of Laurens county. My only desire is to serve the people. I have to fight with myself sometimes to keep my desire to accommodate my friends from getting the best of me, but I would not appoint my brother or dearest friend to a position in this work unless I thought he was the best qualified man I could find."

OFF FOR GREENVILLE.

Three Automobile Contestants Guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Moorehead.

The "Last Chapter" in The Advertiser's "great automobile contest" was enacted yesterday when a party of four women and one man left the city in the prize car for Greenville to attend the showing of "The Birth of a Nation". In the party were Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Moorehead, parents of the successful contestant, and their guests, Mrs. J. A. Wofford, Mrs. Conway Dial and Mrs. Victor Weathers.

It will be remembered that during the contest Master William H. Moorehead wrote a letter to The Advertiser saying that "his mamma and his papa" would carry the three highest non-winning contestants on a trip to Greenville in case he won the automobile. As will also be remembered, he won the automobile and "mamma and papa" were fulfilling the contract yesterday.

They left the city about 10:30 o'clock expecting to reach Greenville in time for lunch and the afternoon performance, Mr. and Mrs. Moorehead having previously engaged tickets for the party. Although they were not seen upon their return last night, it is a foregone conclusion that they had a delightful time.

Buys Entire Stock.

Mr. Erskine Todd, who recently purchased the stock of Mr. Albert Dial in the Peoples Drug Store, has recently purchased the remaining stock belonging to Mr. F. H. Calne and is now in full ownership of the business. Dr. M. S. Dantzler, who has been in charge of the prescription department, will continue with the firm.

To Occupy Todd-Simpson Store.

It was stated yesterday that the new hardware firm, Jones-Taylor Company, would move their stock of goods to the stand formerly occupied by the Todd-Simpson Company about the first of September.

GREAT CHAUTAUQUA WEEK FOR LAURENS IN THE SPRING

Fifty Progressive Citizens have Signified their Willingness to Back up the Plan. Contract has been Signed

Arrangements have just been completed for bringing to this city next May what is said to be the greatest chautauqua in the world. The Redpath Chautauquas have been in the state for the past two years and have become permanent institutions of great popularity in all the larger cities, including Charleston, Sumter, Darlington, Columbia, Rock Hill, Chester, Greenwood, Anderson and Greenville. Only a conflict with festival dates has kept Spartanburg out of the list the past two years.

The chautauqua will last for eight days although no program will be given on Sunday, and the very best talent money can buy will be presented. On six of the seven program days there will be three sessions and generally two features at each session, some thirty-five features being offered during the week. A different musical feature will be given every day, among which there have already been chosen the following: The Killarneys, a company of eight ladies who sing, play and give musical sketches of great charm; The Schumann quintette, one of Boston's most famous music organizations; Weatherwax Bros., male quartette, the leading lyceum quartette of the country; The White Hussars, an orchestra and men's chorus; Mme. Julia Claussen, prima donna of the Chicago-Philadelphia Grand Opera Co. This is the most costly and most interesting, musically, of the whole list, as Mme. Claussen is considered to have a remarkable voice, in that it ranges through both contralto and soprano. With her comes two French artists which only the war could make possible. Signor Henratti, violinist, and Charlier, pianist. This might well rank with the best of the music festivals of the larger cities.

Among speakers already selected, will be Mr. Rainey Bennett, famous popular lecturer; Ng Poon Chew, great Chinese statesman and orator, the greatest platform find of the year as Mr. Chew is a wit and orator of first calibre and perhaps knows Chinese conditions as no one else; President Barker, of New York Efficiency Association. This feature alone being worth the price of the chautauqua to any business man. Others have not yet been chosen.

As to entertainments the following might be mentioned: Miss Gag Zenola McLaren, impersonator; Parish Players, giving three one-act plays; Percy McKay's Bird Masque "Sanctuary", which includes moving pictures, one hour of a play in which actors take part of birds and animals, and a pageant in which a hundred children take part. This is said to be the greatest and costliest single entertainment ever put on the platform and cannot be adequately described.

A series of lectures by a specialist will be feature of the mornings, along civic, economic, scientific and literary lines. Also a trained children's entertainer will exemplify the playground work and have a "Story Hour" each day for the children.

Fifty progressive citizens of the county have guaranteed the necessary amount and will stand back of it. The price of an adult season ticket, admitting to all the twenty sessions of the week, will be \$2.50 or 12-1-2 cents a session. A child 14 years of age and under will be admitted to all for \$1.25. Children under six years and accompanied by guardian will be admitted free.

Single admissions range 25, 35, 50 cents and \$1.00 and total in all some \$8.00, and yet a season ticket at \$2.50 admits to all.

Whatever financial profit may come to local people will be for the benefit of some public institution, probably the city school. Every city in the state last year made money out of this chautauqua, Charleston making nearly \$1,000 for its share and Greenwood, \$500.

"FI-FI" WITH LOCAL TALENT TOMORROW NIGHT

Spectacular Performance Will Be Staged in the School Auditorium Thursday Night.

Every child and many grown people, who like Peter Pan, never grow up, often wonder what would happen if the dumb creatures in a toy shop were suddenly endowed with life and left to chatter in a merriment created out of their own whimsical fancies. To be sure remarkable things would occur and this is exactly what happens in "FI-FI" to be given at the Auditorium Thursday night for the benefit of the public schools. The plot of the play in brief is: Bonnie, the toy-maker's daughter, while working in her father's shop at the close of day is overtaken by the Sandman, who casts her into a magic sleep. She dreams a wonderful dream, wherein the bisque, wooden and tin creatures of the shop come to life and a night of revelry follows. Many strange adventures befall Bonnie and the toys before the morning light scatters the Sandman's charm and Bonnie awakens.

The announcement will doubtless be received with pleasure that Mr. Charles Hilliard, who was here some time ago in "Cousin Isabelle" has consented to take a leading part in FI-FI. He arrives today and will meet with the rest of the cast tonight.

The names of the principals in the cast were given last week and the members of the choruses and groups are as follows:

Jumping Jacks—James Terry, Arthur Boyd, Frank Roper, J. J. Adams, Herman Johnson, Fred Roper, Louis Solomon, John Richardson, Herman Barton, Lawrence Thompson, John Robert Ellis.

Animals—(Frog) Robert McCuen; (dog) Willie Bell Ray, (cat) Cabell Garrett, (owl) Wm. Dunlap, (monkey) Martin Teague, (pig) Pinckney Simmons.

China Dolls—Alma Sullivan, Martha Franks, Ruth Riddle, Flora Bennett, Hattie Watson, Katherine Crews, Juanita Wilkes, Gladys Roper.

Paper Dolls—Bruce Bagwell, Carolyn Fleming, Virginia Sullivan, Kate Ellen Eichelberger, Belle Burns, Cecilia Taylor, Lois Nelson, Francis Myers.

Letter Blocks—Caroline Rankin, Mildred Counts, Harriette Hughes, Bernice Meng, Patillo Wilkes, Annie Laurie Thompson, Mary Roper, Laura Emily Dial.

Bridesmaids—Misses Helen Sullivan, Kathleen Shigraevs, Mary Posey, Lillian Kibler, Lalla Mae Dial, Alpha Bolt, Harlan Crews, Lula Dial, Mrs. Albert Dial.

Fairies—Marguerite Roper, Marion Blackwell, Toccia Gray, Vernelle Caine, Louise Smith, Mary Sue Bolt, Maintzie Richardson, Floride Moore, Laura Hudgens, Sarah K. Barksdale, Grace Young, Rebecca Adams, Sarah Eliza Swygert, Nelle Jones, Irene Wilkes, Mary McCord, Drusilla Owings, Sarah Richey, Virginia Hicks, Irene Motes, Nannie Lee Holder, Ada Catherine Owings, Katherine Hicks, Louise McCord, Janie Holmes Davis, Mariogene Gray, Eloise Miller, Rosalie Sullivan, Beatrice Babb, Nancy Meng, Mary Gasque, Mary Copeland, Lauree Kennedy, Mattie May Dunlap, Caroline Hudgens, Harriet Bishop, Harlow Mahaffey, Letha Kennedy, Legare Blackwell, Mary Major, Harriet Todd.

Inspection Next Month.

Announcement has been received here from Adjutant General Moore that the 1921 National Guard company will have their annual inspection on Saturday March 4th. The company will be inspected by Gen. Moore representing the state and Capt. J. M. Graham, representing the national government.

Play at Princeton.

The advanced pupils of Princeton school will give a play "Ye Village Skewl of Long Ago" on Friday evening, February 18th, beginning at 8 o'clock. Admission 10 cents for children and 20 cents for adults.

Rebels Strengthened.

London, Feb. 13.—Tokio dispatches stated that the Chinese rebels who advanced from Punnan Province into Szechuen and captured Luchow and Chungking have been joined by government troops.